THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS

Annual Meeting, New York City
January 3-6, 2019

Call for Papers

Deadline for abstracts: July 31, 2018

The annual winter meeting of SSILA will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the *Linguistic Society of America* in New York City, NY, at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, January 3-6, 2019. Information about the hotel and location can be found at the LSA website (https://www.linguisticsociety.org/event/lsa-2019-annual-meeting). Participants will be able to register for the meeting and reserve hotel rooms on-line at the LSA site between September 1st, 2018 and December 3rd, 2018.

Call for Papers

SSILA welcomes abstracts for papers that present original research focusing on the linguistic study of the indigenous languages of the Americas. Presenters must be members of SSILA in order to present. (You can join SSILA at: https://ssila.org/join/.)

The **deadline** for receipt of all abstracts is **July 31st**, at 11:59 PM Hawaii-Aleutian time.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the electronic submission website EasyChair. Consult the SSILA website for detailed instructions. Also, e-mail or hard-copy submissions will be accepted if arrangements are made in advance with the SSILA Program Committee Administrator, Martin Kohlberger (ssila2019nyc@gmail.com). Abstracts may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

The EasyChair submission page address is https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ssila2019.

Abstracts must conform to the guidelines below.

General Requirements

1. All authors must be members of SSILA. See the SSILA website for information about membership and renewal. The membership requirement may be waived for co-authors who are from disciplines other than those ordinarily represented by SSILA (linguistics and linguistic anthropology). Requests for waivers of membership must be made by a member of the Society to the SSILA Executive Secretary (ssila2016@gmail.com). (Note: *Membership in LSA is not required for participation in SSILA sessions*.)

2. Any member may submit one single-author abstract and one multi-author abstract OR two multi-author abstracts.

3. After an abstract has been submitted, no changes of author, title, or wording of the abstract, other than those due to typographical errors, are permitted.

4. Papers must be delivered as projected in the abstract or represent bona fide developments of the same research.

5. Papers must not appear in print before the meeting.

6. Handouts, if any, are not to be submitted with abstracts but should be available at the meeting for those listening to the presentation.

7. All presenters of individual papers must register for the meeting through LSA.

8. Authors who must withdraw from the program should inform the SSILA Program Committee Administrator (ssila2019nyc@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

9. Authors may not submit identical abstracts for presentation at the SSILA meeting and the LSA meeting or a meeting of one of the Sister Societies (ADS, ANS, NAAHoLS, SPCL, TALE). Authors who are discovered to have done so will have these abstracts removed from consideration. Authors may submit substantially different abstracts for presentation at the SSILA meeting and the LSA or a Sister Society meeting.

10. Late abstracts will not be considered, whatever the reason for the delay.

Abstract Format

Please see the section below, "Abstract Submission", for important information about long and short abstracts.

1. Abstracts should be uploaded as a file in PDF format to the abstract submittal form on the EasyChair website.

2. The abstract, including examples as needed, should be no more than one typed page (11pt or 12pt font, single spaced, with 1-inch margins); a second page may be used for references. Abstracts longer than one page will be rejected without being evaluated.

3. Please include the ISO code of any languages mentioned in the abstract prominently, preferably above the abstract text. Also include a latitude/longitude that is representative of the language/community.

4. At the top of the abstract, give a title that is not more than one 7-inch typed line and that clearly indicates the topic of the paper. Below the title and above the abstract text, include the ISO code(s) of any language(s) discussed.

5. Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously. Do not include your name on the abstract. If you identify yourself in any way in the abstract (e.g. "In Smith (1992)...I"), the abstract will be rejected without being evaluated. Of course, it may be necessary to refer to your own work in the third person in order to appropriately situate the research.

6. Abstracts which do not conform to these format guidelines will not be considered.

Abstract Contents

Papers whose main topic does not focus on the indigenous languages of the Americas will be rejected without further consideration by the Program Committee. SSILA requires further that the subject matter be related to linguistics and/or language revitalization, that the research presented include new findings or developments not published before the meeting, that the papers not be submitted with malicious or scurrilous intent, and that the abstract be coherent and in accord with these guidelines.

Abstracts are more often rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. The most important criterion is relevance to the understanding of indigenous languages of the Americas, but other factors are important, too. It is important to present results so that they will be of interest to the whole SSILA (and larger) linguistic community, not just to those who work on the same language or language family that you do.

A suggested outline for abstracts is as follows:

1. State the problem or research question raised by prior work, with specific reference to relevant prior research.

2. Give a clear indication of the nature and source of your data (primary fieldwork, archival research, secondary sources).

3. State the main point or argument of the proposed presentation.

4. Regardless of the subfield, cite sufficient data, and explain why and how they support the main point or argument. For examples in languages other than English, provide word-by-word glosses and underline or **boldface** the portions of the examples which are critical to the argument.

5. State the relevance of your ideas to past work or to the future development of the field. Describe analyses in as much detail as possible. Avoid saying in effect "a solution to this problem will be presented". If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarize the arguments that led you to your position.

6. State the contribution to linguistic research made by the analysis.

7. Please include a list of references for any work cited in the abstract. The references can be on a second page.

Categories of Presentation

Authors are required to indicate the preferred category of their presentation at the time of submitting the abstract. The program committee will try to accommodate this preference as space and time allow. The categories to choose from are:

Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Historical Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Lexicography, Applied Linguistics, Language Revitalization, Other.

Authors will also be able to select the geographic area that the languages discussed in their abstract are/were spoken in.

Abstract Submission

Submissions for the SSILA Annual Meeting require **two abstracts**:

Short Abstract. This abstract should be no more than 100 words, and will be used for publication in the meeting handbook. In **EasyChair**, you will paste this abstract into the "Abstract" box under the Title and Abstract heading.

Long Abstract. This abstract is the one that will be evaluated for inclusion in the meeting program. The long abstract should be a pdf file. In **EasyChair**, you will select the pdf file containing your abstract to upload at the "Long Abstract" prompt under the "Other Information and Uploads" heading.

Detailed instructions for using EasyChair

The submission process requires two stages:
        Get your own **EasyChair** account
        Submit your abstract(s)

Creating an account in EasyChair:
- Go to the EasyChair site: www.easychair.org

    • Click "sign up" at the top right corner of the page and follow the instructions for entry into the system.

    • Enter your name and e-mail address and click "continue"

- Check your e-mail: You will receive a message from EasyChair. Follow the instructions there.

- Make a note of your user name and password for future reference.

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Submitting your abstracts:
Go to the SSILA 2019 submission page:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ssila2019
Log in using the username and password you just established.
Click "New Submission". On the page that appears, you will need to identify the author(s), title, keywords, topics, and submission groups of the proposed paper, and submit your *short abstract* and *long abstract* (see clarification above).

Authors:
Enter the information requested about the author(s):
- For yourself, you can click the link at the top of the author box to enter the information from your account profile into the form.

- For co-authors, type in their information.

- If there are more than three authors, select Click here to add more authors.

- Use the 'corresponding author' checkboxes to select which author(s) will get e-mail from the EasyChair system and the Program Committee.

Title and Abstract and Other Information
- Enter the **Title** of the paper; this must be not more than one 7-inch typed line.

- Enter the prepublication (short) **Abstract**. If your paper is accepted, this short abstract will appear in the Meeting Handbook. Cut and paste the abstract into the text box provided. Maximum length is 100 words.

   o [If your short abstract requires special characters, please also send it as a PDF file to the SSILA Program Committee Administrator at ssila2019nyc@gmail.com.]

- Enter the **keywords** (at least 3, up to 5) that apply to your paper.

- Under **Topics**, select the main subfield of the paper (to be used by the program committee to group papers) and the geographic region to which it pertains.

- If you are applying for travel assistance, click the box, then go to https://ssila.org/awards/travel/ and follow instructions for the Travel Assistance Awards.

Upload Long Abstract
- The long abstract, written according to the guidelines described above, must be uploaded here.

- Use PDF format.

- Use the browse button to select your abstract document.

- Click **Submit**

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Questions? Please contact ssila2019nyc@gmail.com if you have any questions about or difficulty with your abstract submission.